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Amended Claims

1. A koji mold belonging to the genus *Aspergillus*, *Rhizopus*, *Mucor* or *Penicillium*,
5 wherein the proteolytic activity of which is not carbon repressed and wherein the *creA* gene has
been mutated such that the gene product thereof is essentially non functional.
2. A koji mold according to claim 1, wherein the *creA* gene is not transcribed to a mRNA
capable to be translated to a functional polypeptide.
- 10 3. A koji mold according to claim 1, wherein the *creA* gene has been deleted.
4. A koji mold according to claim 1 to 3, which is *Aspergillus oryzae* I-2165 (NF14).
- 15 5. A koji mold according to claim 1 to 4, wherein the *areA* gene or a functional derivative
thereof is overexpressed.
6. A method of producing proteolytic enzymes, comprising cultivating a koji mold
according to claims 1-5 in a suitable growth medium in the presence of a carbon source under
20 conditions that the mold expresses proteolytic enzymes, and optionally isolating the enzymes in
the form of a concentrate.
7. Use of the koji mold according to claim 1-5 for the hydrolysis of protein-containing
materials.
- 25 8. Use according to claim 7, in combination with an enzyme and/or a microorganism
providing a prolidase activity.